

AO 399 (01/09) Waiver of the Service of Summons

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SAMANTHA WATTS, on behalf of her child  
CW, a minor, and SW,  
c/o Engel & Martin, LLC  
4660 Duke Drive, Suite 101  
Mason, Ohio 45040

for the  
Southern District of Ohio

Plaintiff  
ST. JOHN CENTRAL ACADEMY  
3625 Guernsey Street  
Bellaire, Ohio 43906  
Defendant

Civil Action No. 2:23-cv-00959-MHW-EPD

### WAIVER OF THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS

To: Keith Altman, Esq., The Law Office of Keith Altman  
(Name of the plaintiff's attorney or unrepresented plaintiff)

I have received your request to waive service of a summons in this action along with a copy of the complaint, two copies of this waiver form, and a prepaid means of returning one signed copy of the form to you.

I, or the entity I represent, agree to save the expense of serving a summons and complaint in this case.

I understand that I, or the entity I represent, will keep all defenses or objections to the lawsuit, the court's jurisdiction, and the venue of the action, but that I waive any objections to the absence of a summons or of service.

I also understand that I, or the entity I represent, must file and serve an answer or a motion under Rule 12 within 60 days from 04/19/2023, the date when this request was sent (or 90 days if it was sent outside the United States). If I fail to do so, a default judgment will be entered against me or the entity I represent.

Date: 5/4/2023

ST. John Central Academy  
Printed name of party waiving service of summons

Edmund F. Brown  
Signature of the attorney or unrepresented party

Edmund F. Brown  
Printed name

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### Duty to Avoid Unnecessary Expenses of Serving a Summons

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires certain defendants to cooperate in saving unnecessary expenses of serving a summons and complaint. A defendant who is located in the United States and who fails to return a signed waiver of service requested by a plaintiff located in the United States will be required to pay the expenses of service, unless the defendant shows good cause for the failure.

"Good cause" does not include a belief that the lawsuit is groundless, or that it has been brought in an improper venue, or that the court has no jurisdiction over this matter or over the defendant or the defendant's property.

If the waiver is signed and returned, you can still make these and all other defenses and objections, but you cannot object to the absence of a summons or of service.

If you waive service, then you must, within the time specified on the waiver form, serve an answer or a motion under Rule 12 on the plaintiff and file a copy with the court. By signing and returning the waiver form, you are allowed more time to respond than if a summons had been served.